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**STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

In accordance with Applicants' duty to submit a statement regarding the substance of an interview, Applicants submit that a telephone interview occurred on July 11, 2007, in which Applicants' representative discussed the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on FORD et al. and DOGANATA et al. In particular, Applicants' representative explained that claim 1 recites identifying a source with which the at least one link is associated; and ranking the list of links based at least in part on a quality of the identified source, while the references applied by the Examiner disclose ranking search results through the TFIDF approach, in which the weighting applied to each term of a multiple-term query is inversely related to the term's frequency of appearance in a database. More specifically, FORD et al. does not mention ranking based on a source with which a link is

associated. No agreement was reached.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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